

ANS – THD Division
Executive Committee Electronic Voting
2 April, 2025

Attendees (EC Members):

Leadership

- Chair: Igor Bolotnov
- Vice Chair: Steve Bajorek
- Secretary: Ferry Roelofs
- Treasurer: Dillon Shaver

Members with Terms:

Term Ending 2025

- Yassin Hassan
- Maria Avramova (not present, proxy to Igor Bolotnov)
- Jun Liao
- Bob Martin
- Marilyn Delgado

Term Ending 2026

- Fan-Bill Cheung
- Chul-Hwa Song
- Izabela Gutowska
- Donna P. Guillen
- Ling Zou

Term Ending 2027

- Rui Hu
- Elia Merzari
- Subash Sharma
- Sierra Tutwiler
- Xu Wu

1. Vote Nominations Scholarship Committee (3 February 2025)

Dr. Steve Bajorek moves to motion:

"Approve the nominations of Dr. Marilyn Delgado (second term) and Dr. Victor Petrov (first term) as members of the scholarship committee to serve the 3-year term between June 2025 and June 2028"

The Scholarship committee chair, Dr. Dave Pointer has contacted the nominees and they agree to serve if the nomination is approved.

MOTION: Prof. Igor Bolotnov

SECOND: Dr. Ling Zou

NO DISCUSSION

17 members in favor.

2 abstained votes.

Motion carries.

2. Selection of NURETH-22 Proposal (3 February)

The Conference Screening Committee have solicited the proposals to host the NURETH-22 and have received the only submission prepared by the leadership team primarily from INL (General Chair is Dr. Piyush Sabharwall) and the NURETH-22 meeting to be held in August 22-27, 2027 in Denver, Colorado.

Igor Bolotnov would like to thank CSC Chair, Prof. Fan-Bill Cheung and the CSC as a whole for their significant efforts to organize the process, review the submission, and requesting the revision of the proposal which was recently re-submitted by the organizers. The CSC just approved the recommendation to EC for this proposal acceptance.

Prof. Igor Bolotnov moves to motion (no second is needed):

"Accept the CSC recommendation to select the NURETH-22 proposal prepared by the INL team to host the conference in Denver, CO on August 22-27, 2027".

MOTION: Prof. Igor Bolotnov

NO DISCUSSION

15 members in favor

4 abstained votes

Motion carries.

3. Financial sponsoring social event (28 March 2025)

Since the Winter Meeting, a social event by THD during the Chicago meeting was discussed and prepared. The idea is to conduct it at an external location, such as a nearby bar / pub. The estimated costs are ~\$3K for 40 people with 2 drinks each included with some snack and a separate area. As discussed during the winter meeting, the intention is to cover the costs with (a) admission, (b) industry / lab sponsorship. However, a deposit needs to be paid soon, and we do not wish to risk that individual volunteers will be left with paying the bill in case we do get less funding from (a) and (b) below.

Therefore, Prof. Igor Bolotnov moves to motion:

"THD will financially sponsor the social event during 2025 Chicago Annual meeting for the remaining balance after the admission sales and industry sponsorship (up to \$3K)".

MOTION: Prof. Igor Bolotnov

SECOND: Prof. Elia Merzari

DISCUSSION:

In favor of approving the motion, the following arguments are provided:

- The division serves the members, and organizing sponsoring activities requires financial resources. Backing of the division can help make those events happen.
- The intent is not to rely on division funding. THD support should be envisaged as a last resort to relieve the financial burden from the organizers.
- Hopefully the event will be successful, attracts new members and revitalizes the participation of current members.
- The concerns expressed by not in favor are well understood, still it is worthwhile to give this initiative to enhance engagement of the THD community a chance.
- THD can consider to spend limited funds to increase engagement of current members and attract new members.

Not in favor of approving the motion, the following arguments are provided:

- If the division would fully support such social events, it will not be a sustainable model of funding.
- THD should avoid the perception by the greater THD membership that could view sponsoring a social event as a misappropriation of their dues.
- THD funding would be more impactful spent on items like scholarships and awards.

RESULTS:

11 members vote to approve

7 members vote not to approve

1 abstained vote

The motion carries for this time but it should be clear, that this will not set an example for future events.